

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 12/18/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Courtney Howard, Senior Water Resources Engineer (805) 781-1016	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution designating the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative to file a grant application and execute a grant agreement for an Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board, acting as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), approve a resolution designating the Director of Public Works as the Authorized Representative to both file an Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant Application and execute the associated grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Flood Control and Water Conservation District	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP  Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?  No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY  <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>11/06/12: #7</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) - - All Districts -			

Reference: 12DEC18-C-4

## County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Courtney Howard, Senior Water Resources Engineer

Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Engineer

VIA: Dean Benedix, Utilities Division Manager

DATE: 12/18/2012

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution designating the Director of Public Works as the authorized representative to file a grant application and execute a grant agreement for an Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant. All Districts.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board, acting as the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), approve a resolution designating the Director of Public Works as the Authorized Representative to both file an Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant Application and execute the associated grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### ***Integrated Regional Water Management Background***

Senate Bill 1672 (2002) established the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Act to promote collaborative, integrated management of water resources. California voters passed a series of propositions, including Proposition 84, to establish and fund related efforts. Proposition 84 authorized the Legislature to appropriate funds for IRWM implementation and planning grants and modify requirements for eligibility.

The IRWM Program, including the planning and implementation grant programs, is administered by the State's Department of Water Resources (DWR). The IRWM Program encourages "integrated regional strategies" for water resource management including projects that protect communities from drought and floods, protect and improve water quality and ecosystems, and address critical water supply or quality needs of disadvantaged communities. Implementation grants are reserved for construction projects or program implementation consistent with each region's IRWM Plan (Plan) and the State's implementation grant requirements.

The District, in coordination with the San Luis Obispo County Region's (SLOCo Region's) Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), acts as the Lead Agency responsible for development and implementation of the SLOCo Region's IRWM Plan (Plan) and submitting IRWM grant applications.

The Plan was initially developed and adopted by multiple agencies in the county in 2005, was updated in 2007 in accordance with the 5-year update schedule included in the adopted 2005 Plan, and has been accepted by DWR as the SLOCo Region's Plan. As a separate action item, staff is recommending award of a consultant contract to update the existing IRWM Plan.

### ***Round 2 Implementation Grant Funding and Requirements***

At this time, approximately \$7.6 Million is available for implementation grants in the Central Coast Funding Area (CCFA) and applications are due in March 2013. Exhibit "A" illustrates IRWM regions in the CCFA that would compete for the \$7.6 Million in available grants.

On behalf of the RWMG, District staff conducted a project solicitation for this Round 2 grant funding opportunity and received over 20 project submittals. Consistent with the SLOCo Region Plan's project review process, the RWMG evaluated and ranked the project submittals to develop a competitive suite of projects for the SLOCo Region's grant application. Consistent with the RWMG's decision on November 27, 2012, the grant application would include the following projects:

- Nacimiento Water Treatment Plant (City of El Paso de Robles)
- Livestock and Land Program (Resource Conservation Districts)
- Attiyeh Ranch Conservation Easement (Land Conservancy)
- Small Scale Recycled Water Project (San Simeon CSD)
- Water System Improvements (San Miguel CSD)
- State Water Turn-out (CSA 16 – Shandon)

Exhibit "B" provides additional information on the selected projects and the RWMG decision. Should one or more of the projects need to be removed prior to grant submittal, the RWMG would identify a competitive replacement project if time allows. Otherwise, the grant allocation would be adjusted to the remaining projects. The actual amounts awarded, if any, will be determined by DWR.

The language contained in the attached resolution is dictated by the State; consequently it authorizes the Director to not only apply for the grant, but also to "execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources." In the event that a grant is offered by the State, the Director of Public Works will bring final recommendations on project implementation and any necessary budget adjustments to your Board for approval prior to signing grant agreements.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The RWMG members are listed in Attachment 2 of the resolution. Per the IRWM MOU, the RWMG seeks WRAC input and support at key decision points. On December 5, 2012 the WRAC supported the RWMG recommendation that your Board approve the resolution to submit a grant application based on Exhibit "B." DWR and the Regional Water Quality Control Board are notified of all IRWM efforts. The State agency responsible for reviewing the Region's IRWM Plan and grant applications is DWR.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to legal form and effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

As a separate action item, staff is recommending an adjustment to the FY 2012-13 Flood Control and Water Conservation District Budget Fund (1300000000) to fund the development of the grant application. Funding for ongoing IRWM efforts will be requested via the annual budgeting process.

## **RESULTS**

Authorizing the Public Works Director of San Luis Obispo County to be the representative to file applications and enter into grant agreements with the California Department of Water Resources for grants allows the SLOCo Region to seek funding for high priority water resources implementation efforts identified by the RWMG. Therefore, approving the Resolution will contribute to a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous and well-governed community.

File: Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Prop 84 Implementation

Reference: 12DEC18-C-4

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Exhibit A - IRWM Central Coast Funding Area Map
2. Exhibit B - Recommended Implementation Projects for IRWM Round 2 Grant Funding
3. Resolution Designating the Director of Public Works as the Authorized Representative to File a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement for Integrated Regional Water Management Program Implementation Grant